Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 18 Nov 2020 until 23:59 on Thursday 19 Nov 2020

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 17 Nov 2020 at 15:19 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for a significant change to conditions in the hills through Wednesday and Thursday as colder air sets in. Also high for a brief return to milder/wetter conditions on Friday but some uncertainty in detail.

Headline for Wednesday 18 Nov 2020: Another wet and very windy morning. Turning bitterly cold with snow later.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 18 Nov 2020

Blizzards
Low Likelihood

Heavy Snow
Medium Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
High Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Drizzle	Light rain	Light rain	Heavy Rain	Sleet	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow	Heavy snow
Precipitation probability							
80%	80%	90%	90%	60%	60%	50%	60%

Forecast for Wednesday 18 Nov 2020

Weather: Rain and drizzle continuing across all ranges through the early hours but often on the light side. Rain will turn increasingly heavy and persistent through morning, focussed particularly across southern Argyll and The Trossachs. Rain giving way to scattered wintry showers and some brighter spells through afternoon. Further rain arriving from the west through evening which will turn increasingly to snow above 700m.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 50% for a few hours through afternoon as rain clears to showers and skies partially clear, otherwise 10-20% with cloud generally extensive above 500-700m.

Visibility: Widely limited to less than a kilometre above modest height as rain, cloud and snow hamper visibility. Improving for several hours through afternoon with some distant views on offer.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	53/67 S	54/69 S	54/69 S	38/49 SW	36/48 SW	39/52 SW	41/56 SW	25/34 W	40/55 N
900	35/47 SW	36/49 S	36/50 S	28/39 SW	28/39 SW	28/40 SW	30/44 SW	19/27 W	29/43 N
600	45/57 SW	46/59 S	47/60 S	31/41 SW	30/40 SW	32/44 SW	35/49 SW	18/26 SW	29/42 N
300	25/38 S	25/39 S	26/40 S	17/29 SW	18/30 SW	19/33 SW	20/33 SW	11/19 W	19/32 N
Glen	18/37 S	18/37 S	17/36 S	15/29 SW	15/31 SW	16/34 SW	16/33 SW	10/21 W	16/33 N

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	6/-1	5/-2	5/-3	4/-2	1/-8	-3/-12	-2/-11	-2/-10	-4/-14
900	8/3	7/2	7/1	7/1	3/-3	0/-7	1/-7	1/-5	-1/-9
600	10/5	9/4	10/4	9/4	5/-0	3/-4	3/-4	3/-2	1/-6
300	12/8	11/7	11/7	10/7	7/3	5/0	5/1	5/2	4/-1
Glen	13/10	13/10	13/10	12/9	9/6	8/4	7/4	7/4	6/2
Freezing Level*	2600m	2500m	2500m	2000m	1300m	900m	1000m	1000m	700m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

A marked drop in temperatures through the day with winter conditions setting in across all ranges by evening. Ground will be widely sodden from recent and ongoing rainfall with watercourses in spate.

Forecast for Thursday 19 Nov 2020

Weather: A spell of light snow overnight for Lochaber and northern Argyll will leave a cold and clear start with frost in the glens. A few coastal showers may develop through the day, otherwise dry and sunny conditions. Rain/hill snow reaching the west coast by midnight.

Maximum wind: Northwest 20-25 gusting 35mph, easing to 10-15mph through afternoon then backing southerly through evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 90% with very little low level cloud.

Visibility: Generally excellent with far reaching views, but any passing coastal showers will limit visibility to several kilometres.

Temperature: **Glens:** Zero C rising to 3 or 4C.
At 800m: Minus 3C.
Freezing level: 400m.

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